GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Protection of Human Rights
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any step to strengthen the mechanism for protection of human rights of citizens from all walks of like in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): The Constitution of India has provisions and guarantees for safeguarding almost the entire gamut of civil and political rights. Directive Principles of State Policy further require the States to ensure the promotion and protection of social, cultural and economic rights, particularly of the weaker sections of the society, so as to bring about a just and equitable social order, leading to an overall improvement in the quality of life for all sections of the society. Moreover, Article 32 under
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Fundamental Rights and Article 226 of the Constitution of India enables the citizen of India to move to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India & Hon'ble High Court respectively for enforcement of the Fundamental Rights. The civil and criminal laws of the country have also in-built mechanism to safeguard the rights of the individuals and provide special protection to the most vulnerable sections of the society.

Government of India have set up a forum for redressal of human rights violations by constituting the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and provided for the setting up of State Human Rights Commissions (SHRCs) under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. In addition, under Section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for the purpose of providing speedy trial of offences arising out of violation of human rights, Human Rights Courts have also been set up. For better protection of human rights, efforts are made by the NHRC to sensitize public servants during various seminars, workshops and camp sittings.
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